

Pit Toilet  
Fort Laramie, Wyoming

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CUSTODIAN

United States  
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DATE OF ERECTION

Erected about 1885.

BUILDER

Built by Engineering Department of U. S. Army.

PRESENT CONDITION

This building is in fair condition. The exterior has weathered considerably because of not being painted for years. Sills have decayed where they come in contact with ground. Plaster is cracked in places and wall paper off in many places.

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION

The pit lining is probably not original as it is believed the building has been moved several times from its original location.

Exterior walls are of 2" x 4" studs with wood lath and plaster inside, and 1" x 4" tongue and groove boards with beaded edge laid vertical on the exterior.

The roof has 4/2-16" wood shingles over 1" x 8" sheathing. Rafters and ceiling joist are 2" x 4".

The floor is of 1" x 4"'s, the same as exterior side walls, with the beaded edge down.

The interior walls and ceiling are plastered on wood lath with a smooth finish plaster, and papered as shown on drawings.

Hardware: Hinges (door butts) are of cast iron, design as shown on drawings. Lock set is surface type with body of cast iron.

Nails: Cut nails are used throughout.

Painting (Exterior): The side walls, doors, louvers, trim, etc. are painted maroon.

Painting (Interior): Room "D" walls and ceiling painted white with water paint. Seat stained walnut, wood trim white.

Room "E" walls painted with water paint of salmon pink color from ceiling down 3' 2 1/2". Remainder of walls are papered, seat painted ivory, inside trim white.

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